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Tournament of Champions

Champions' champions. *Grumman Recreation's Mike Cherry (L) presents the grand trophy to 'Olympic Material,' the first place finishers at the Grumman bowling leagues' Tournament of Champions.*

High rolling teammates (L to R) Bill Kallansrude, Mary Kallansrude, Pat Van der Wetering, and Joe Van der Wetering, also took top honors in the Grumman Commack Mixed league.

Smoothies. *Marty Mueller, Otto Jung, Peggy Barton and Bill Sposato won the championship of the Great River Night Owls league as well as taking second place in the Tournament of Champions.*

Hustlers. *Smiling away with their trophies are Charlie Farley, Ed Weiss, John Roman, Jack Diana, and Charlie Hanft, who won the championship of the Grumman Classic league as well as third place in the Tournament of Champions.*

Bowling league champions

Bowling Stones. *Rock 'n roll bowlers Mike Gallo, Tony D'Ambrisio, Bob Beattie and Bill Ostrosky took the championship of the Aerospace league.*

????. The name may have escaped Joe Kessler, Ed Schembor, Lou Epaminonde, Don Rogers, and Stan Angur, but not the championship of the Grumman Red league.

Champion Intruders. *Living up to their name, the championship of the Grumman Gold league went to John Klaus, Sue Klaus, Ethel Hinrichs, and Frank Biscardi.*

Lobsters. *Rudy Dunkley, Linda Barbieri, Ruby Dunkley, and Bruce Carrington took the championship of the Grumman Great River Guys & Dolls League.*

Fish. *No flounders on the lanes, Jane Fogle, Tom Delaney, and Sue Klein took the championship of the Outsiders league.*

Smoothies. *The first place title in the Great River Nite Owls League went to Marty Mueller, Peggy Barton, Otto Jung and Bill Sposato.*

Bowling league champions

Olympic Material. *Joe Van de Wetering, Pat Van de Wetering, Mary Kallansrude, and Bill Kallansrude are early Olympic winners in the Grumman Commack Mixed league.*

Hustlers. *The Championship of the Grumman Classic league went to Ed Weiss, Charlie Farley, Charlie Hanft, Jack Diana, John Roman, and (missing from the picture) Fred McCloskey.*

Ga Gootzes. *In any language Steve DeBatt, Joe Garappolo, and Ray Stein were champions in the Grumman Goose league.*

Easy Goers. *The championship of the Nite Owls league went to Chuck Cocuzzo, Fred Gross, Betty Foster, and Kenny Price.*

3 + 1. *Equals championship in the Grumman Black league for Dave Deleftesen, Cliff Jones, Nelson Lewis, and Lonnie Frazier.*

Misfits. *Cathy Quinn, Elaine Merritt, Ann Wicks, and Marge Dolderer, were fit for the championship of the Just For Fun league.*

Bowling league champions

Slopes. *The championship of the Hawkeye Mixed league went to Andy Michalowski, Agnes Michalowski, Lita Klobukowski, and Tomy Klobukowski.*

Trouble Maker & Friends. *Making trouble for other bowlers, Mickey Garett, Dot Van Glahn, June Erickson, and John Erickson took the championship of the Patchogue Mixed league.*

4 Aces. *Living up to their name Bob Albert, Karl Stahl, Cliff Stahl and George Stahl took the championship of the Great River Green league.*

Slap Happy. *And right they should be as Jimmy Thomas, Lorrain Gallo, Bernadette Gately and Dave Stricklen won the Syosset Mixed league.*

Four Play. *Ken Stumpf, Pat Perrone, Cliff Dorsch, and Dave Danowski weren't just fooling around when they took the championship of the Grumman Nite Owls league.*

Krinkledusters. *The championship of the Grumman Blue Mixed league went to Tom McGuire, Valerie Aromiskis, Pat Ogilvie, and Rick Hachemeister.*

Bowling league champions

Potpourri. *The mix was right to take the Grumman Tuesday Mixed league championship for Mike Baron, Marianne Colleluori, Delores Crawford, and Frank Curley.*

Threats. *Kevin Barclay, Marv Brown, Dom Auriana, Bob Loehr, and Pete Logan (missing) carried out their 'threats' and won the championship of the Outpost league.*

Anything Goes. *The championship of the Pubs Friday Night Mixed league went to Gary Slater, Carol Knipe, Theresa Harding, and Dan Jacobs.*

High Rollers. *Tom Faber, Jack Brooks, Bob Zerebak, and Tom Brunner rolled their way to the championship of the Classified league.*

Shadows. *Chester Hazel, Jeff Pecht, and Ron Kopitsch (missing) were in the limelight as winners of the Masters league champions.*

Tournament tops. *The high rollers at the Tournament of Champions were: Bill Sposato, with high series handicap — men (597 + 93) = 690; Ethel Hinricks, high series handicap — women with 534; Mary Kallansrude, high game — women at 187; Bob Walski, high game — men 263.*

Tops in table tennis

Table tennis champs. *Trophy winners in the 1984 Grumman Table Tennis Tournament were: (front, L to R) Gary Raftle, Pl. 106; Chek Yee, Pl. 14; Sing-Yin Siu, Pl. 106; Jim Pope, Pl. 3; Wah Tse, Pl. 106; Ray Mulesky, Pl 3; Fred Danner, Pl. 4; Phil Gress, Pl. 2; Ted Stefaniw, Pl. 2; Marty Finkleman, Pl. 25; Frank P. Malone, Pl. 40 — tournament director; (back) Sam Gates, Pl. 20; Pete Hannigan, Pl. 5; and Ed Westley, Pl. 5.*

Jean Stewart of Plant 5 and John Lee of Plant 2 won the women's and men's singles titles this year in the Annual Bethpage Table Tennis Tournament.

Stewart defeated Michelle Fishkin of Plant 35 in the finals by scores of 21-13, and 21-12. She also won the women's doubles with Julie Grodski of Plant 3 from Diane Gaidon and Cheryl Woo of Plant 14 with games of 21-7 and 21-13.

John Lee lost a close match to Fred Danner of Plant 4 and had to beat him twice to win the men's singles competition. The best three of five game final match scores were 21-8, 21-11, and 21-14. Lee teamed with Clint Watson of Plant 106 to win the men's doubles for the fifth straight year from Fred Danner and Marty Finkelman of Plant 25 by scores of 21-9, 21-6 and 21-14.

The mixed doubles event went to the number two seeded team — Penny Baldassare of Plant 5 and Ted Deviak of Plant 26 who defeated Julie Grodski and Maurice Morro of Plant 3, 21-17 and 21-13.

In other doubles action, Ray Mulesky and Jim Pope of Plant 3 won the "B" division finals from Phil Gress and Ted Stefaniw of Plant 2, 21-15, 21-12. In the "C" division doubles, Sing-Yin Siu and Wah Tse of Plant 106 defeated Pete Hannigan and Ed Westley of Plant 5 in a close match — 23-21, 21-18.

Sam Gates of Plant 20 got "comeback player of the year," for besting a strong field in the "B" division singles. He beat Jim Pope in the finals, 21-16 and 21-15.

In the "C" division singles, last year's novice champ, Charlie Wunderlinch of Plant 5 won a close match with Chek Yee of Plant 14, by scores of 21-16, 15-21, and 21-15. This year's novice singles winner was Gary Ranftle of Plant 106 who beat John Wilde of Plant 14 in the finals 21-12 and 21-11.

The tournament attracted some 96 players this year in the 10 divisions of competition and was played during lunchtime in the Plant 28A auditorium.

Michele Fishkin

Diane Gaidon and Cheryl Woo

Julie Grodski and Maurice Morro

Table tennis tops. *The 1984 Plant 6 Table Tennis champions were: (L to R) Herb Mahoney, Recreation representative; George Patent, 'A' Division Singles runner up; Steve Lake, Singles champ; Billy King, Doubles champ (teamed with Lake); Henry Buthmann, Pl. 6 Operations Manager; Danny Azzato, 'B' Doubles champ; Tom DiNicola, Singles & Doubles champ; Wilfred Kappas, 'B' Division runner up; and Dana Davis, 'B' Division runner up.*

calendar

Aikido Club: (Martial Arts) every Wed., 5 p.m., Recreation bldg. Beginners class. Guests welcome. M. Brooks, Ext. 115-6171/H. Brondo, Ext. 52719.

Alcoholics Anonymous: every Mon., 4:30 p.m., Plant 15, conference room C, closed meetings; Personnel Relations, Ext. 3521. Great River meetings: every Wed., 4-5 p.m. T. Conley, Ext. 53521. Calverton: Chemical Dependency Discussion Group, every Mon., 4-5 p.m., Flt. Test Center, new conference meeting room, open meeting, Personnel, 369-6759 C. Robb, Ext. 117-7038.

Amateur Radio Club: every 3rd Wed. of the month. Plant 5 conference room BD-1, 5 p.m. B. Wengler, Ext. 50188.

Chess Club: every Fri., Recreation bldg., 5 to 11 p.m. Beginner to Expert, guests welcome. K. Marley, Ext. 54901/N. Corso, Ext. 59600.

Coin Club: (Calverton) every Fri., noon lunch, Plant 6, A-6 Action Center conference room. Grumman employees welcome. N. Evangelides, Ext. 117-7242.

Computer Club: 1st Mon. of every month, Recreation bldg., 7 p.m. Computer discussion and demonstration/beginner to advanced programming. Guests welcome J. Hayne, Ext. 54945/P. Frumkin, Ext. 55134.

Dance Club: every Wed., 5-8 p.m., Recreation bldg. Guests welcome. S. Koppell, Ext. 115-3800.

Duplicate Bridge Club: every Thur., Recreation bldg., 6 p.m. Guests welcome. P. Gill, Ext. 115-8414.

Equestrian Club: every weeknight, Knoll Farm, Brentwood, 6 p.m. Grumman employees and immediate family only. J. Eisenhower, 115-6211.

Fencing Club: every Wed., 4:45 - 6:30 p.m., Recreation bldg. Free instructions, guests welcome. J. Hayne, Ext. 54945/P. Chaldaris, Ext. 53486.

Model Railroad Society: every Wed., 7 p.m., Recreation bldg., Regular meeting. Guests welcome. R. Muntz, Ext. 56865.

scorecard

Terrific Tomcats. *After only two years in the league, the Grumman Varsity Hockey Team laid claim to the Long Island Industrial Hockey League's Championship Cup this year. The 1983-84 season Tomcat skaters included: (bottom L to R) Dominick Verlezza, Pl. 40; John Look, Pl. 30; Tim Shelley, Pl. 30; Jim Allen, Pl. 25; Mike LaBianca, Pl. 18; Theo Monahus, Pl. 106; Chris Fincken, Pl. 2; Kevin Kiendle, Pl. 2; (top) Bret Klein, Pl. 3; Tom Carroll, Pl. 12; Bob Smith, Pl. 44; Jack Keane, Pl. 3; Coach — Don White, Pl. 5; Brian Rossman, Pl. 35; Brian Burke, Pl. 9; and Dave Drew, Pl. 18.*

Tomcats are the top team on ice

After only two years in the Long Island Industrial Hockey League (LIIHL), the Grumman varsity hockey team managed to capture almost all of the available awards.

The Tomcats swept through the regular season with a record of 20-3-1, finishing in second place in the LIIHL. The squad then went on to win the LIIHL Championship Cup, defeating 1982-83 defending champs Ebbets Field. The Tomcats had to come back from a first game loss of 8-5 to win the last two games in the best-of-three series by scores of 4-3 and 9-5.

The team also displayed their tenacious style of hockey in the New York State Tournament, placing second to perrenial powerhouse Niagara Warriors.

Tomcat coach Don White, of Plant 5 Corporate Master Scheduling, says he considers his team's 1983-84 performance, "quite impressive when you consider the mixed bag of players we had. Half the starting team this year was made up of rookies — some very good rookies," he is quick to add.

White put the team through a grueling series of practice sessions before and during the season in order to keep them sharp for game times. "Some of the guys came in at the start of the season a little out of shape — the usual beer gut thing. But by the time we reached the playoffs and the finals, everyone was in top shape and that really helped to make the difference," notes White.

Also helping to make the difference was the "cat-like quickness" of Tomcat goalie Kevin Kiendle. Kiendle, a Plant 2 Brake machine operator, compiled the best goals-against average in the league and played especially tough throughout the playoffs.

Kiendle had a lot of help down at the other end of the ice with the league's top scorer Mike LaBianca tallying a remarkable 62 goals and 47 assists for a total of 109 points against opposing goalies.

Top scorers

Indeed, the Tomcats had no less than four players in the LIIHL's top 10 scoring this year. In addition to LaBianca, they were: Dave Drew, the LIIHL's second highest scorer, with 99 points combined during the regular season and the playoffs on 50 goals and 49 assists: Jim Allen, fourth in the league standing with 40 goals and 35 assists for a total of 75 points; and Tim Shelley, scoring 21 goals and 36 assists to finish the season with 63 points in the sixth position. Tomcat Tom Carrol finished with the 16th highest scoring total in the LIIHL with 54 points on 28 goals and 26 assists.

Tomcats LaBianca, Drew, Carroll, Jack Keane, Brian Burke, Brian Rossman, Bob Smith, Chris Fincken, and Dominick Verlezza were all rookies this year. "They contributed considerably to the fresh winning chemistry of our team this year," notes White. "And as they gain more experience as a team we can only get better. Who knows, with a little luck and enough practice we may well have another Long Island hockey dynasty on our hands," he says.

White concedes that turning the Tomcats into a winning dynasty will take some work. He expects the LIIHL to become even more competitive next season as other young teams mature. "Just like when the Islanders were champs, everyone will be gunning for the Tomcats next season — trying to de-throne us. It should be very exciting," he comments.

And to make things even more exciting, White says he plans to issue game challenges to the Annapolis Naval Academy hockey team, the West Point Army team, and the Colorado Springs' Air Force Academy team.

He says, "This year's Tomcat team was an exceptional bunch of hockey players who really played with all their hearts — and it was a pleasure for me to be with them. I fully expect to see our team even stronger next year, and I'm looking forward to an even more successful winning season."

Checkmaters

The Grumman Chess Club's "A" team finished 12 points out of first place this year in the "A" division of the Long Island Industrial Chess League.

"A" team members took third place in the league standings with 58 points to second place finishers Sperry with 67 points and first place Hazeltine with 70 points. Team members were: Keith Rodriguez, Pl. 15, ILS Publications; Shahen Minassian, Pl. 1, F-14 ILS; Ron Bardarson, Pl. 7, EA-6B Systems Requirements; and Jerry DeCarlo, Pl. 26, Materials. Clayton Wilkie, GHQ, Systems; and Peter Holtzer, Pl. 35, E-2C ILS acted as alternates.

The club's "B" team fared somewhat better, placing second and receiving a team trophy for its play. Members included: Ken Marley, Pl. 2, Systems Test; Peter Cullen, Pl. 7, Instrumentation; Nick Corso, GHQ, EAM; and Alex Peck, Pl. 26, Research Support. Clare Vonburgsdorff of GHQ Tech. Support was the "B" team alternate.

Team captain Marley scored a perfect 24 out of 24 possible points in his match play, while Cullen scored 20 of 24.

Showtime

Grumman Employee Services (ES) offices now have a number of entertainment tickets on sale. Here's a quick rundown:

Broadway — "La Cage Aux Folles," Wed., July 18, front mezzanine, matinee, $40; "42nd Street," Wed., August 8, front mezzanine, matinee, $27.50; "Tap Dance Kid," Sat., August 4, orchestra, matinee, $25; and "Dream Girls," Wed., July 25, orchestra, $27.50.

Radio City — "Gotta Get Away," summer show, Sat., August 11, orchestra, evening, $17.

Westbury Music Fair — "George M," Wed., August 1, evening show, $16.75; "Grease," Wed., July 25, $16.75.

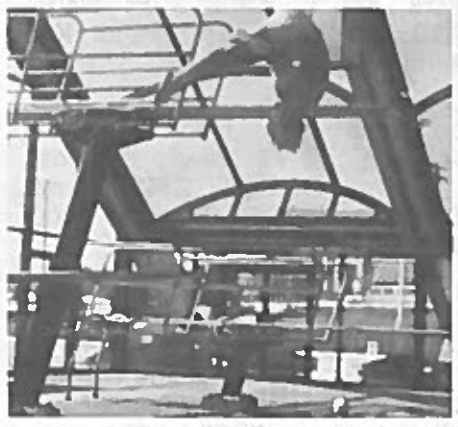
Make check out to: Grumman Employee Services.

Master diver

Bert Dolan, a Facilities project engineer in Plant 30, recently dove into the U.S. Open/Masters National Diving Championship Tournament and surfaced with the first place trophy in the Masters division.

At the tournament, held in Milwaukee, WI, Bert competed against divers from 21 to over 80 years of age. At 59 years old, Bert has been a Grumman employee for 25 years, and says he has been diving "essentially all my life."

"I dove competitively when I was young and going to school. Then I came back to it about 10 years ago after I suffered a stroke and was partially paralyzed. First the diving was a form of therapy. Now it's just pure enjoyment," he says.



High diver. *Bert Dolan heads for the water and his first place trophy in the U.S. Open/Masters National Diving Championship Tournament.*

More Scorecard

Hot marathoners

After training through the harsh weather of February and March, 19 Grumman runners were faced with sunny skies and temperatures nearing 70 degrees when they pushed off for the 26.2-mile Long Island Marathon.

According to Grumman Runners Club member Pat Masterson, "the heat was a real problem for many of the runners who were used to the cooler temperatures that they had trained in earlier in the year."

None-the-less, several Grummanite marathoners came away with personal-best times in the run. Mel Gough, a member of the Road Runners club from Plant 5 Advanced Systems, turned in a three-hour-and-three-minute performance finishing in the top 150 runners overall. Gough's run was even more impressive in light of the fact that he had competed in the Boston Marathon only three weeks prior to the Long Island event.

Club member Jim Bethin raced to the finish line in two-hours-and-50-minutes, placing in the top 50 finishers of the marathon.

Half the distance

Eight other Grummanite runners opted to compete in the 13.10-mile half-marathon. Mark Child turned in a time of one-hour-and-sixteen-minutes to take the 25th spot overall among competitors in the shorter distance.

Other Grumman runners who competed in the L.I. Marathon (with their times) were: John McKim, 3:10; John Kogel, 3:17; Bob Skirkanich, 3:25; Dawson Hunter, 3:26; John McErlean, 3:26; Tom Maier, 3:28; Odd Sangesland, 3:31; Gary Symansky, 3:34; Annette Frisch, 3:37; Tom Vollaro, 3:40; Roy Lockwood, 3:54; Jim Marron, 3:58; Pat Masterson, 4:00; Mark Farley, 4:02; Mike Walsh, 4:10; Al Pope, 3:33; and Ken Rathjen, 4:36.

Half-marathon finishers from Grumman were: Jim Apgar, 1:36; Bob Bruhl, 1:42; Harvey Eidenoff, 1:43; Tom Needham, 1:49; Charles Burke, 1:55; Irwin Solomon, 2:00; and Bob Reuter, 2:05.

A personal best

When Fred Trinkle, a Grumman ILS engineer in Plant 106 for over 25 years, injured his shoulder in a wheelchair race in White Plains, the situation looked grim. But Fred persevered. "There is more than one way to compete!" is his motto these days.

Olympic bound. *Straight shooting Fred Trinkle, a Grumman ILS engineer in Plant 106, recently qualified for the USA Wheelchair Olympic Team in air rifle and air pistol shooting, achieving what he says is a "dream come true."*

An avid shooter of both pistols and rifles since his college days, Fred was elated when the National Wheelchair Athletic Association (NWAA), of which he is an active member, added air guns as an event in the 1984 Wheelchair Games.

Fred entered the Tri-State Regional competition at Nassau Community College earlier this year, winning the gold medal in both the air pistol and air rifle events. Soon after he headed for Virginia Beach and the Mid-Atlantic Regionals, and for the second time came away with the gold in both events. In doing so, he qualified for the National Wheelchair Championships, held May 1, in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Competing against the country's top wheelchair shooting teams, Fred held on to a strong second place finish to take the silver medal in air pistols and went on to take the overall bronze in air rifle — with a silver medal in the prone position and a bronze in the standing position.

At the banquet after the National Games, the NWAA Chairman announced the 1984 USA team of 100 athletes to represent the U.S. at the VII World Wheelchair Olympic Games to be held in England this month. Fred was named to represent the USA team for air rifle and air pistol. "It is a dream come true," says Fred. "A matter of achieving my personal best. And I hope to go even further in the Olympic games," he adds.

Golf tournament

The annual Grumman Recreation Golf Championship and Kickers Tournament has been set for Tuesday, August 14, at the Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville, Long Island. Tee off time is 8:30 a.m.

There is room for 144 Grummanite golfers so get your foursome together now. Sign-ups begin today at the Recreation office in Plant 28A. The entry fee of $28 must accompany all registrations to assure a reservation. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

The entry fee covers greens fees, a cocktail hour and buffet dinner, trophies and kicker prizes. Golf carts are available at the club for $13. You can reserve a cart at the Recreation office and pick it up at the Rock Hill Country Club Pro Shop on the morning of the tourney. Locker facilities are also available for $1 at the club.

There are over 15 trophy divisions for men and women. All competitors will be eligible for kickers prizes. Names will be drawn from a hat. Foursomes must check in at the club house with Recreation's Mike Cherry 30 minutes before the start of the tournament.

When 18 holes are completed, foursomes must return to the club house and turn in score cards to Cherry immediately in order to keep the cocktail hour and buffet on schedule.

Directions to the Rock Hill Country Club are: take Exit 70 of the Long Island Expressway onto East Manorville Road South. Make the first right at the diner to Clancy Road and follow signs to the club. Any questions, call Recreation at Ext. 52133.

Jamboree victory

For the fifth year in a row, the Grumman varsity men's and women's bowling teams combined to win the Sperry Jamboree.

Competing against teams from Sperry, Republic, Hazeltine, AIL, and Doubleday, the 1984 champion Grumman bowlers compiled a team total score of 5,346. The scoring was evenly distributed between the men and women with the men's squad totalling 2,681 and the women close behind with 2,665. High rollers among the Grummanites were; Alberta Sawicki, whose high game of 234 complemented games of 187 and 144; Ed Hilbert,who led the men's scoring with a high of 205 in addition to games of 202 and 156.

What a racquet. *Four walls can't close in the winners of the Calverton Royal Racquetball League, who are: (L to R) Henry Buthmann, Pl. 6 Operations Manager; John Ortgiesen, 'A' - 'B' division winner; Ron Lyman, 'Hi-C' division champ; Ray Dukarm, Novice division; Joan Coady, Ladies division; Jim Barrie, league coordinator (not present was Bob Webster, 'Lo-C' division champ).*

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